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SEPARATING AND PURIFYING NUCLEIC  
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JP Patent No. 2003-128691 is discussed on page 2 of the present Specification.

US Publication No. 2003/0170664 corresponds to JP Patent No. 2003-128691. US Patent No. 6,218,531 corresponds to WO 98/59076.

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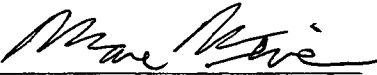
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